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Sir:

Attached is a Form PTO-1449 listing the enclosed documents.

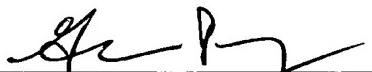
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Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the herewith Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609, along with an early action on the merits of this application are earnestly solicited.

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